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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Non-Final Office action in the above-mentioned patent application, mailed on February 13, 2006.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply expired on May 13, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, Applicant hereby requests a one (1)-month extension of time to respond to the non-final Office Action dated February 13, 2006, said period of response being extended from May 13, 2006 to June 13, 2006. A check in the amount of \$120.00 for the one (1)-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.